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SOURCE, OPERATIONAL DATA, AND COMMENTS: While this report is skimpy, we are submitting it because of Washington's expressed interest in Communist approaches to the Grand Mufti.

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1. Following the meeting of several Communists at Gaza (Field Note: See HLB's-1850 and 1868), the Communist Party made a definite offer to the Grand Mufti with respect to cooperation between the Party and the Arab Higher Committee.
2. This offer was transmitted by ^{Handi al-HUSAYNI} HUSAYNI (fma) to his cousin, Handi al-HUSAYNI, who in turn asked Ismael DAWWISH, a nephew of the Mufti, to present it to the latter. The nephew accordingly informed the Mufti of the proposal. Source states that local members of the Arab Higher Committee are certain that the Mufti refused to consider it. According to source, DAWWISH then told the Mufti that the offer would remain open.
3. Source was unable to learn what the offer was.

Field Notes: HUSAYNI (fma) has been reported in HLB-1868. Handi al-HUSAYNI has been reported in HLB's-1784, 1790, 1819, etc.. The Mufti has been reported in HLB's-1773, 1788, 1819, etc.. For DAWWISH, see HLB's-1872, 1784, 1819, etc..

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